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NATIONALISM FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THE TORONTO STAR OF 17 SEPTEMBER CARRIES AN ARTICLE WHICH IS AN
EXCERPTATION OF UNIV. OF TORONTO ECONOMICS PROFESSOR ABRAHAM
ROTSTEIN'S ARTICLE IN THE "CURRENT" (FALL, 1976?)
ISSUE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE STAR ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT IT IS NOT NATIONALISM PER SE BUT
THE CANADAIN MENTALITY OF "DRAWERS OF WATER, HEWERS OF WOOD" THAT
FORMS THE REAL BATTLEGROUND IN CANADAIN-U.S. RELATIONS. ROTSTEIN
ASSERTS THAT THE CANADIANS' PRIMARY CONCERN IS WITH PROTECTION OF
THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES FROM FOREIGN INFRINGEMENT AND CONTROL,
AND THAT THIS MENTALITY HAS NO REGIONAL OR POLITICAL BIAS.
HE SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT A MAJOR BATTLE IS
SHAPING UP NOW OVER CANADAIN HEGEMONY OVER ITS LAND AND WATER
RESOURCES AND THAT THIS RESOURCE NATIONALISM WILL BECOME THE BASE
FOR EVEN MORE INITIATIVES BY CANADIANS.DIGGINS

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